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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG, PBOR, IS, EG  
SUBJ: NEPTUNE ANNUAL REPORT  
REF: TEL AVIV 5237

1. SEVERAL NEWS CORRESPONDENTS HAVE CALLED OUR ATTENTION TO REPORT IN RECENT ISSUE OF NEWSLETTER THEY CALLED "OILGRAM" (PRESUMABLY PLATTS' OILGRAM). ARTICLE THEREIN MENTIONS THAT ANNUAL REPORT OF INDEPENDENT OIL COMPANY NOTES IT HAS "OPTION TO BUY SHARES IN NEPTUNE" BECAUSE IT HAD PUT UP MOST OF COSTS OF EXPLORATION IN GULF OF SUEZ. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, COMPANY IS IDENTIFIED AS "CANADIAN" SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY. SUBSEQUENT CONTACTS HAVE INDICATED, AS MENTIONED REFTEL, THAT COMPANY IN QUESTION REALLY IS SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY OF HOUSTON. WE HAVE NOT SEEN "OILGRAM" ISSUE MENTIONED.

2. IT HAS BECOME COMMON KNOWLEDGE IN CAIRO OIL COMMUNITY THAT EGYPTIAN GENERAL PETROLEUM COMPANY CHAIRMAN LEITHY RECENTLY CALLED IN CANADIAN SUPERIOR MANAGER IN CAIRO TO ASK WHAT TRUTH THERE IS IN PUBLISHED INFORMATION.  
(CANADIAN SUPERIOR HAS ONSHORE CONCESSION IN THE HURGHADA CONFIDENTIAL

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REGION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ASAMERA OIL COMPANY, WHICH IS ALSO, WE UNDERSTAND, A CANADIAN FIRM.) CANADIAN SUPERIOR MANAGER REPORTEDLY SAID HE KNEW NOTHING OF THE ARRANGEMENT.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE, CANADIAN EMBASSY TOLD US APRIL 21 THAT HIGH-LEVEL CANADIAN SUPERIOR OFFICIALS

HAVE JUST COMPLETED SPECIAL VISIT TO EGYPT TO MEET WITH EGYPTIAN PETROLEUM OFFICIALS IN AN ATTEMPT TO DEAL WITH THE REACTION THAT DISCLOSURE OF SUPERIOR'S DIRECT RELATIONSHIP TO NEPTUNE HAS CAUSED. CANADIAN SUPERIOR OFFICIALS ALSO REPORTEDLY RECENTLY HELD TALKS WITH DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON. ACCORDING CANADIAN EMBASSY, BOTH EGYPTIANS AND CANADIAN SUPERIOR REPS HAVE AGREED TO KEEP SUBJECT OUT OF PRESS. (SUPERIOR OIL OF HOUSTON OWNS, ACCORDING CANADIAN EMBASSY, 48 PER CENT SHARE IN CANADIAN SUPERIOR.)

4. WE HAVE HAD NO REPEAT NO INQUIRIES AS YET FROM EGPC OR MFA REGARDING INVOLVEMENT OF SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY WITH NEPTUNE BUT OUR ASSUMPTION IS THAT AS INFORMATION BECOMES MORE WIDELY KNOWN, THEY CAN BE EXPECTED. WOULD APPRECIATE THEREFORE GUIDANCE ON REPLIES TO QUERIES REGARDING SUPERIOR'S INVOLVEMENT WITH NEPTUNE. EILTS

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